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Wednesday, 10 Rajab 1428 2007 Qur'an firmly prohibits Muslim friendship and alliance with a Jewish-Chr

Suriname's Shaikh Ali Mustafa and I climbed a hill in Morvant (in my native Caribbean island of Trinidad

The false and vicious attack on the Qur'an and on the person of Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon hi

"Friendship between Christians and Muslims is prohibited by the Qur'an itself", thundered the Christian s

*"Oh you who believe (in this Qur'an), do not take (such) Jews and Christians as friends and allies who th*  
(Qur'an, al-Maidah, 5:51)

At the time of the revelation of the Qur'an, and for more than a thousand years thereafter, Christians and  
Christianity consistently, and quite correctly, blamed the Jews for demanding that crucifixion. It created e

However, this extraordinary verse of the Qur'an actually anticipated a time when the world would witness

It should be clear that the Qur'an has prohibited Muslims from maintaining friendly ties with only that Juc

Euro-Christianity and Euro-Judaism have today joined in an unholy alliance in order to conquer and rule

### OTHER TRANSLATIONS OF THE VERSE

In his widely-read English translation of the Qur'an, Abdullah Yusuf Ali translates verse 51 of Surah al-Ma

“O ye who believe! Take not the Jews and the Christians for your friends and protectors: they are but friends

Muhammad Asad, who is a highly respected European Muslim translator of the Qur'an and a distinguished scholar,  
“O you who have attained to faith! Do not take the Jews and the Christians for your allies: they are but a

Muhammad Marmaduke Pickthal, the English Muslim translator of the Qur'an, is no different in his translation:  
“O ye who believe! Take not the Jews and the Christians for friends. They are friends one to another. He

M. Shakir, the Pakistani Muslim, translates the verse the same way:  
“O you who believe! do not take the Jews and the Christians for friends; they are friends of each other; a

T. B. Irving, the American Muslim translator of the Qur'an, has a similar translation:  
“You who believe, do not accept Jews or Christians as sponsors; some of them act as sponsors for one

### IMPLICATIONS OF SUCH TRANSLATIONS

If we were to accept any of the above translations of the verse to be correct, grave contradictions with b

Consider the following:

- The Qur'an specifically permits marriage of a Muslim man to a Christian or Jewish woman: “This day a

Ahl al-Kitab revealed before your time when ye give them their due dowers and desire chastity not lewd

If we accept the above translations of the verse to be correct, a Muslim man would have to inform his Ch

- The Qur'an also permits Muslims to eat Christian and Jewish food (provided such food was made Halal)
- Prophet Muhammad advised his weakest followers, who were severely persecuted by the pagan Arabs

- Prophet Muhammad himself entered into a political and constitutional alliance with Jews in Madina that
- Finally, the Qur'an is specific when it declares that there is no prohibition on Muslims preventing them from

*Faith nor drive you out of your homes from dealing kindly and justly with them: for Allah loveth those who*  
(Qur'an, al-Mumtahana, 60:8)

As was previously explained, the verse of the Qur'an (5:54) does not prohibit Muslims from maintaining t

The Qur'an is quite explicit when it anticipates a time when Jews would be the most hostile of all peoples

*"Thou wilt surely find that, of all people, the most hostile to those who believe (i.e., in this Qur'an) would*  
(Qur'an, al-Maidah, 5:82)

The above does not constitute an indictment of all Jews. Rather it is applicable to only those Jews who v

Translations of (5:54) based on a misunderstanding of the Qur'an would certainly obstruct the developm

## SHARKS AND SARDINES

The Latin-American statesman, Juan Domingo Alvarado, once declared that the world today was compris

An alliance of 'sharks' has invaded and occupied Afghanistan and Iraq, and is threatening to attack Iran

There are also those Muslims, usually in government, who reap a harvest from their friendship with the a

